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EXAMINER
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/630,062	<b>Applicant(s)</b> WIKLOF ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Daniel St.Cyr	<b>Art Unit</b> 2876	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-9, 12-15 and 18-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 10, 11, 16 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed 12/05/05.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 7-9, 12-15, 18-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wine et al, US Patent No. 6,245,590.

Wine et al disclose a frequency tunable resonant scanner and method of making comprising: an illumination source 614 (infrared, emitters) for illuminating spots in a field of view; Photodetectors 610 for imaging the target object; decoding electronic circuits 612 for modulating the drive current of the illumination source 614 to modulated the intensity of the emitted light according to the desire image; buffer circuit 2200 for producing source signals; a timer-controller 2208 for producing pulses; scanning mirrors for 202 for deflecting the light across the field of view, wherein the speed can vary sinusoidally; including indicia decoder for decoding two-dimensional bar codes; leveling circuit coupled to buffer 2200. Mine et al meet the structure limitations of the claims and capable of performing the method steps of the method claims. (See figures 9, 11, 24, 28; col. 17, line 8 to col. 8).

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wine et al, US Patent No. 6,245,590. The teachings of Wine et al have been discussed above.

Wine et al fails to disclose that the power is inversely proportional to the received energy. However, setting up specific proportion between the two values is just merely an engineering design choice for meeting specific customer requirements.

It would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Wine et al so as to produce inversely proportional power output. Such modification would provide a more accurate power output for producing desire images required by the customer. Furthermore, setting up specific mathematical relationship between input and output power is just an engineering choice for meeting specific requirement. Therefore, it would have been an obvious extension as taught by Wine et al.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

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7. Claims 2, 10, 11, 16, 17, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Although the prior art of record teaches a system and method for controlling field-of-view illumination, which includes a detector for receiving energy, a controller for controlling the output power based on the received energy, etc., the prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggests all the details including, a beam source responsive to a signal to produce a second beam, a mirror for deflecting the second beam, forming the first beam that scans across the field of view, inverting the pattern of measured scattered energies, adding the inverted pattern energies to the first pattern, etc. These limitations in conjunction with other limitations in the claims were not shown by, would not have been obvious over, nor would have been fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel St.Cyr whose telephone number is 571-272-2407. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Daniel St.Cyr  
Primary Examiner  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel St.Cyr', is written over a large, hand-drawn oval. A long, thin horizontal line extends from the right side of the oval across the page.

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